

WHEREAS; lack of awareness of advanced wound care and the potential benefits of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT), in particular, may leave many people struggling with chronic wounds without access to life-changing care; and

*WHEREAS;* HBOT is a proven treatment option for wounds, infections, or injuries that have not responded to standard treatment and is most commonly used to treat diabetic ulcers of lower extremities, radiation injury to bone or tissue, compromised grafts and flaps, and chronic refractory osteomyelitis; and

*WHEREAS;* of the millions of Americans diagnosed with cancer each year, research suggests that about half of them have received radiation therapy, and many patients who undergo radiation therapy may develop late radiation tissue injury, which HBOT might help by stimulating the growth of new blood vessels; and

*WHEREAS;* the Diabetes Research Institute estimates that more than 30 million Americans have diabetes, and HBOT can provide necessary oxygenation, which is critical in the prevention of amputation in the case of diabetic foot ulcers; and

*WHEREAS;* this month, the state of Wisconsin joins Hyperbaric Awareness USA™ in spreading national, statewide, and local awareness of available treatment options—including HBOT—for people suffering from radiation injury, chronic wounds, and diabetes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

## **HYPERBARIC AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State